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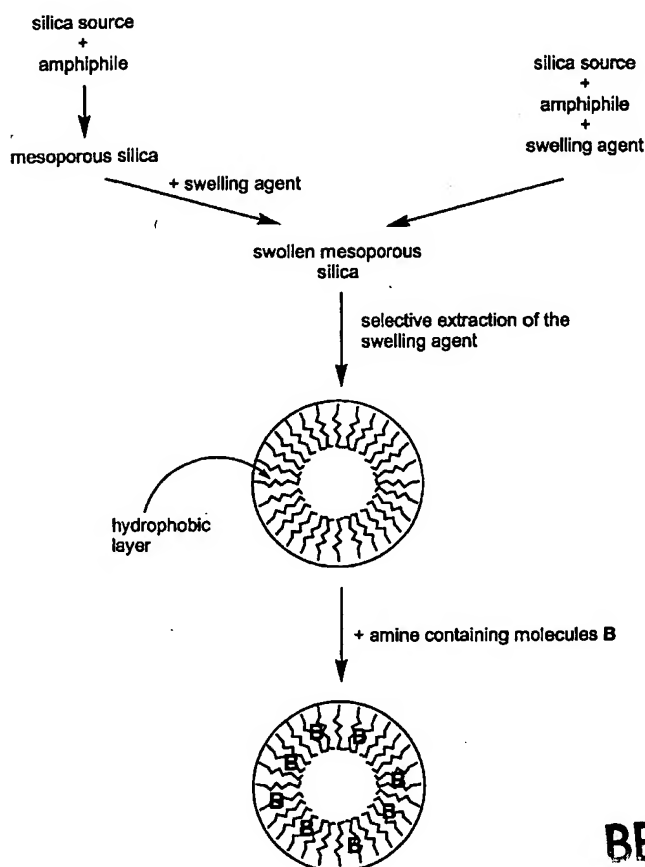
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(54) Title: AMINE MODIFIED ADSORBENT, ITS PREPARATION AND USE FOR DRY SCRUBBING OF ACID GASES



(57) Abstract: The present invention provides an amine functionalised adsorbent for use in dry scrubbing process. The adsorbent comprises amine functionalised mesoporous silica in which the amine groups are present at or near the surface of the silica, including within the pore walls and channels of the silica. The present invention further provides methods of preparing the adsorbent and of using the adsorbent for the adsorption of CO<sub>2</sub> and/or other acid gases.

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# INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

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This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this International application, as follows:

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1. ☐ As all required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this International Search Report covers all searchable claims.
  
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1 (part); 2-3; 4-6, 8 (part); 9 (part); 10; 11 (part); 13-14; 21-24 (part)

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This International Searching Authority found multiple (groups of) inventions in this international application, as follows:

1. claims: 1 (part); 2-3; 4-6, 8 (part); 9 (part); 10; 11 (part); 13-14; 21-24 (part)

insofar as relating to a composition (I) suitable for use as water-tolerant, regenerable adsorbent for use in an acid gas dry-scrubbing process, comprising surface or framework amine-functionalised mesoporous silica ("MS") or organosilica ("MOS"), such that primary, secondary or tertiary amino groups are present and wherein (I-a-1) the amine containing molecules are **\*\*covalently bonded\*\*** to the **\*\*surface\*\*** of the pore walls; processes (II-1) or (II-2) for the preparation of (I-a-1), comprising introducing the amino functionalisation by **\*\*direct grafting\*\*** or **\*\*direct co-condensation\*\*** with the help of an amphiphile molecule ("AM"); a method of dry scrubbing using (I-a-1); a two or more bed system (IV-a-1) for dry scrubbing comprising (I-a-1).

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2. claim: 15

relating to a process (II-3) for the preparation of (I-a-1), comprising introducing the amino functionalisation by **\*\*first grafting a reactive group-containing silane\*\***, and subsequently treating the resulting product with an amine.

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3. claim: 16

relating to a process (II-4) for the preparation of (I-a-1), comprising introducing the amino functionalisation by **\*\*co-condensation\*\*** using a reactive group-containing silane as amine precursor and subsequently treating the resulting product with an amine.

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4. claims: 1 (part); 4-6, 8 (part); 9 (part); 11 (part); 17, 19; 21-24 (part)

insofar as relating to a composition (I), wherein (I-a-2) the pore walls have a **\*\*hydrophobic surface\*\*** and the **\*\*amine-containing molecules are dispersed within\*\*** the hydrophobic surface; processes (II-5) or (II-7) for the preparation of (I-a-2) by **\*\*either\*\*** first preparing a MS or MOS in the presence of a **\*\*swelling agent\*\*** and **\*\*selectively extracting\*\*** the swelling agent to produce a hydrophobic layer on the surface of the MS or MOS and then treating the product with an amine **\*\*or\*\*** by reacting a source of silica with an AM and simultaneously or subsequently adding an **\*\*amine containing swelling agent\*\***; a method of dry scrubbing using (I-a-2); a two or more bed system (IV-a-2) for dry scrubbing comprising (I-a-2).



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5. claims: 1 (part); 8 (part); 9 (part); 18; 21-24 (part)

insofar as relating to a composition (I), wherein (I-a) the surface is amine-functionalized by adsorbed amine molecules, \*\*excluding the subject-matter of invention group 4\*\*; a process (II-6) for the preparation of (I-a) comprising mixing a source of (organo-)silica with an \*\*AM having at least one amino group\*\* under conditions that facilitate self-assembly to produce (I-a), wherein the amine-functionalised MS or MOS has its \*\*pores filled with amine-containing AM\*\*; a method of dry scrubbing using (I-a); a two or more bed system (IV-a) for dry scrubbing comprising (I-a).

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6. claims: 1 (part); 7; 8 (part); 9 (part); 12, 20; 21-24 (part)

insofar as relating to a composition (I), wherein (I-b) the \*\*framework is amine-functionalised\*\*; a process (II-8) for the preparation of (I-b) comprising mixing a source of \*\*organosilica\*\* with an AM to produce a MOS having a framework comprising reactive sites and subsequently \*\*introducing amino groups\*\* at the reactive sites; a method of dry scrubbing using (I-b); a two or more bed system (IV-b) for dry scrubbing comprising (I-b).

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